Variety of goods available in CSD

1855. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canteen Stores Department is making available inadequate variety of goods to the servicemen;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for reducing the number of items; and

(c) the steps proposed to make available more variety of goods to the services people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Inventory of the Canteen Stores Department presently contain 2760 items. This inventory is reviewed from time to time and the slow moving items are deleted and new items are considered for introduction depending upon the potential demand from the clients.

National Drinking Water Authority

1856. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Drinking Water Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the likely composition, powers and functioning of the Authority;

(d) whether Government propose to cover entire waterless areas in the country under various schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details have not been finalised so far.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) All not covered and partially covered (getting less than 10 LPCD) habitations are proposed to be covered with safe drinking water facilities by 1997 and the remaining partially covered habitations in the subsequent period.

Patients acquiring Infections in Hospitals

1857. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per study conducted by WHO, nearly 21 percent patients acquire infections after getting admissions in various hospitals;

(b) if so, whethe. Government have conducted any survey about the number of persons who get infections in hospitals in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to keep patients free from infections in Government hospitals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) An International Survey by World Health Organisation was conducted in 47 hospitals in fourteen countries in the year 1986 which *inter-alia* revealed that prevalence rates of infection in individual hospitals varied from 3% to 21% (median 8.4%).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In Central Government hospitals regular monitoring of pathogenic bacterial population in high risk areas e.g. nurseries, burns and plastic Department, operation theatres and labour rooms etc. is done and regular measures are taken as when necessary.